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Applicants : Andrew R. Marks, et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 22, 23 and 24 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 22, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment claims 1-21 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed fee of \$705.00 for filing this application, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount

of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully Submitted,

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